

LACDMH HONORS EOB & 2013 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR
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On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Executive Management Team and the HONORS Committee congratulated and honored the department's 2013 Employees of the Year (EOY) as well as the Emergency Outreach Bureau (EOB) team members who responded to the recent shooting at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

The honorees, both the EOY recipients and the EOB team, were given a special luncheon for all their hard work and dedication. "Thank you and congratulations! The measure of the department is the staff we have and the work we do," said LACDMH Chief Deputy Director Robin Kay, Ph.D. "The service you provide and the excellent work you do, you are all wonderful ambassadors for our department."

Dr. Kay also acknowledged the EOB team who spent some time at LAX immediately after the fatal shooting of a TSA agent there on November 1st. "And, a special thank you to EOB who responded to the community and was there for those who needed our help. For that, we are grateful," she added.

At the luncheon, the Employees of the Year winners were presented with a frame, showing their picture at the ceremony held in October at St. Anne's auditorium. The pictures will be theirs to keep after they've been on display for a year on the 12th floor of LACDMH headquarters.



Once again, here are LACDMH's Employees of the Year for 2013:

Promotion of Wellness & Recovery:

Maria Salas (Medical Case Worker II, Adult SOC, San Pedro Mental Health Center)

Outstanding Team Work:

Art Empowerment Team – Kendra Lyman (Psychiatric Social Worker I, Adult SOC, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program) & Jean Lima (Recreational Therapist I, Adult SOC, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program)

Leadership:

Nancy Nowlin-Finch, M.D. (Supervising Psychiatrist, Older Adult SOC, SA5 Edelman Westside Mental Health Center)

Dedicated Direct Services:

Jeffrey Baer (Psychiatric Social Worker I, Adult SOC, Long Beach Child & Adolescent Program)

Dedicated Support Services:

Jennifer Hallman (Mental Health Training Coordinator, Program Support/Quality Assurance)

Career Achievement:

Julia Carreon (Mental Health Services Coordinator II, Countywide Resource Management)